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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/08

SPONSOR Taylor LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Homeless Youth Transitional Living Program SB 302

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$125.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 302, Making an Appropriation to Fund a Transitional Living Program for Homeless and Runaway Youth, appropriates \$125.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of providing a transitional living program in Bernalillo County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$125.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD notes that the bill would provide funding for a Transitional Living Program in Bernalillo County, targeting homeless and/or runaway ages youth sixteen to twenty-one years, and providing temporary shelter, board, living skills education, behavioral health and social services to homeless and runaway youth.

In 2002, the US Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention estimated that there are nearly 1.7 million homeless and runaway youth in the United States.

Many homeless youth leave home after years of physical and/or sexual abuse, addiction of a family member, and/or parental neglect; and many of these youth have been in child welfare custody or foster care. Studies show that homeless youth benefit from programs that meet immediate and basic needs first, including housing, and then help them to address other aspects of their lives (National Coalition for the Homeless, Fact Sheet #13, August 2007). A Colorado study suggests it costs less than \$6,000 to permanently move a homeless youth off the streets, compared to the more than \$53,000 required to maintain a youth in the criminal justice system for one year (www.medicalnewstoday.com, June 12, 2007).

CYFD funds and manages transitional living programs within the state for both youth aging out of foster care, and youth paroling from the juvenile correctional facilities. This bill does not appear to offer a provision for coordinating or collaborating with existing CYFD-funded transitional living and service programs.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance measures and strategic plan initiatives relating to providing housing and support services to transitioning youth. This application is consistent with these measures and initiatives.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Related to HB242 Youth Transitional Living Services for Santa Fe.

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